

MEMBERS:

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Brooke Barbieri	Merrimack College
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Valeria Harris	Harvard University Graduate School of Education
Rosemary Hilliard	Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Thomas Hunt	Lasell College
Siobhan Keenan	Northeastern University School of Law
Eric Krupski	New England Law Boston
Emir Morais	Boston University Medical Campus
Maria Morelli	Northeastern University
Christine Padgett	Babson College
Dan Rossi	Harvard Kennedy School
Janet Turner	Boston University Sargent College
Maegan Wright	Fisher College

PURPOSE:

The mission of the Graduate and Professional Concerns Committee (GPCC) is two-fold:

1. Provide support to the graduate and professional financial aid community to assist them in serving students; and
2. Build and strengthen the network of graduate and professional financial aid administrators in Massachusetts.

2015-2016 OBJECTIVES:

- Make the GPCC a vital part of the professional life of members that serve graduate and professional students.
- Update the GPCC section of the MASFAA website to provide valuable resources and reference tools for graduate and professional aid administrators
- Write articles for the MASFAA newsletter concerning graduate and professional aid issues
- Plan and implement the annual GPCC Symposium in February

MONTHLY REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2015

- The committee met to kick off another year of planning for the Symposium in February.
- Poll was sent out to group membership to determine when meetings worked best – decided that later in the week is better, but times may vary
- Membership was reviewed and updated, budget was reviewed
- Ideas about Symposium theme, ideas, keynote speakers, etc were all discussed. – Potential Theme is “Return on Investment”
- Location is settled at Gutman Conference Center at Harvard

MONTHLY REPORT: OCTOBER 2015

- ◆ GPCC Members renewed membership
- ◆ Considering Carla Cutsinger for Speaker
- ◆ GPCC button production/idea tossed to group for ID at Symposium

MONTHLY REPORT: NOVEMBER 2015

- ◆ Presenters are being nailed down – TBD is Keynote speaker, Brad Finger for Fraud/Scams Presentation, Stephen Brown for Income Driven Repayment Review.
- ◆ Refinance panel members contacted about possible interest in Symposium

MONTHLY REPORT: DECEMBER 2015

- ◆ Nailing down exact time requirements for conference speakers
- ◆ All speakers are confirmed as attending
- ◆ Final agenda is drafted but needs to be designed for brochure

MONTHLY REPORT: JANUARY 2016

- ◆ Conference registrants are around 30 at this time
- ◆ 1 panel member will be unable to attend due to last minute family commitment.
- ◆ Task list update to all GPCC members, Eric Krupski is keeper of this
- ◆ All slides from panel members and presenters are in.
- ◆ Printing of materials is complete.

MONTHLY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2016

- ◆ Symposium was on February 5th, 2016. Final count of attendees was 67 registrants, including GPCC members.
- ◆ Keynote speaker was unable to attend
- ◆ Refinance panel had to be reformatted due to travel impacted by weather.
- ◆ Otherwise, was well attended – only 10 or so attendees were unable to make it.
- ◆ We are reviewing conference evaluations for our next meeting in March 2016.
- ◆ Slides from Symposium are available online: <http://masfaa.org/committees/concerns/index.php>

MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2016

- ◆ Committee met and reviewed symposium evaluation surveys.
- ◆ Surveys were overall very positive. People like the location and reliability of the event.
- ◆ Suggestions by committee member to perhaps move the event.
- ◆ Survey is being drafted to send out to committee members to gauge interest in moving the annual Symposium to another date
- ◆ New announcement – new committee co-chair will be Rosemary Hilliard from Tufts Dental School
- ◆ Annual year end luncheon is being scheduled for May 2016, no meetings for April 2016

MONTHLY REPORT: APRIL 2016

- ◆ No meetings scheduled for April

MONTHLY REPORT: MAY 2016

- ◆ Last meeting of year – annual year end Luncheon will be in downtown Boston